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Assistant Director, OO

3 February 1949

Assistant Director, OCD

Dissemination of counterespionage reports

1. Transmitted herewith, for your information, is a copy of a Memorandum from the Director to the Acting Assistant Director for Special Operations dated 25 January 1949.

2. Your attention is invited to the Director's order that all intelligence information reports, whether positive or of counter-espionage nature, will be forwarded through OCD to OSI and ORE.

3. In January, when it became apparent that OSO was withholding reports of CE nature from OCD, ORE and OSI, the Assistant Directors of these three Offices called upon the Director for a ruling as to whether or not CE material might justifiably be withheld from normal use and channels in CIA. The Director's reply, as may be noted from his Memorandum, was immediate and unequivocal.

4. It has now come to my attention that Contact Branch, by virtue of agreements concluded in 1948 with OSO, considers that its occasional reports of CE nature should be withheld from normal intra-agency distribution channels.

5. It is requested that the AD/OO advise this Office whether (a) he considers that the Director's intent has been made sufficiently clear with regard to CE materials so that Contact Branch may now be instructed by the AD/OO to comply with this intent, or whether (b) formal instructions from the Director to OO, similar to his Memorandum of 25 January to OSO, are desired.

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